



Ascidia sydneiensis

Grey sea squirt

Threat Scores

1. Ecological Impact
 - Fouling organism; ecological impact unstudied, but spatial competition in shallow water and fouling communities is likely
2. Invasive Potential
 - A fouling organism requiring assisted transport to expand alien range
3. Geographic Extent
 - Locally patchy

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Indo-Pacific
2. Introduced: Hawai'i, Caribbean
3. Habitat
 - Estuaries, bays, fouling communities, benthic
 - Harbors and embankments, shallow water, attached to any available hard substrata such as dead coral, pier pilings, boat hulls or floats



Invasion Pathways

1. Hull/Surface fouling

Non-Native Locations

1. 64 - Eastern Caribbean
2. 152 - Hawaiian Islands

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